

**Series: Connect**

**Message: Connecting the Dots**

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**Everyone makes ASSUMPTIONS every day.**

**Incorrect assumptions can be VERY DESTRUCTIVE.**

Luke 12:15-21; Proverbs 14:12; Isaiah 1:11-20

**Our assumptions can lead us to DEVALUE people.**

John 1:46; Luke 7:36-50; Luke 18:9-14

**So what do I do about my assumptions?**

**1) Recognize the assumptions you are making.**

Proverbs 2:2-11; Psalm 19:8-14; John 9:35-41

**2) Hold them loosely and assume goodwill.**

James 1:19; Proverbs 3:5-6; Job 42:2-6

**3) Connect the dots under Jesus' wisdom and guidance.**

John 14:15-21; Hebrews 7:23-25

**Trust building commitments for your relationships:**

All healthy relationships are built on trust. Here are five commitments you can make to help strengthen these key relationships in your life.

*When there is a gap between what I expected and what I experienced... I am going to believe the best.*

*When other people assume the worst about you... I will come to your defense.*

*If what I experience begins to erode the trust I have in you... I will come directly to you about it.*

*When I'm convinced I will not be able to deliver on promises I've made... I will tell you ahead of time.*

*When you confront me about the gaps I've created... I will tell you the truth.*